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## AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.114

MAIL STOP: RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action dated December 28, 2009 (Part of Paper No./Mail Date 200912), for which a response was due on March 28, 2010, and to the Advisory Action dated April 7, 2010 (Part of Paper No. 201004). Filed herewith is a Request for Continued Examination, a petition and fee for a two-month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to May 28, 2010. Accordingly, this response is timely filed, Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested,

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.